

The Haralson County Water Authority implemented **Drought Level Response III** and filed appropriate requests to the State EPD. The already low levels suddenly dropped to an unprecedented amount in the river. What this means is virtually no outdoor watering will be permitted except for irrigation of personal food plots between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. until such time that the Tallapoosa River returns to normal.

The following will not be permitted:

- (a) General Outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants will not be permitted which includes automated sprinkler systems; both residential and commercial.
- (b) Recognizing most plants, shrubs, etc., are on the end of their growing season thereby hand watering with a hose will not be permitted.
- (c) Fund raising car washes will not be permitted.

The Authority needs to reduce the amount of use by individual customers or stand the chance of running out of water. Everyone can help by doing many small things in the home. The following can make an immediate difference: don't run the water while brushing your teeth, fill the sink with a minimum amount of water while shaving, don't run the water continuously, put a pitcher in the refrigerator and don't run the tap until it gets cold, use left over ice cubes to water house plants, if you have an older style commode, fill a half gallon plastic milk carton with water in place it in the tank of the commode, use an egg timer to monitor your shower time, don't exceed 4-5 minutes maximum, check your commode for leaks; place food coloring in the tank and wait thirty minutes, if it appears in the bowl the flapper is leaking. Or, if you have other potential leaks and need assistance call your water provider.

The Authority's goal for daily distribution from the water treatment plant would be to reduce consumption from 2.7 million gallons per day down to 1.8 or 2.0 million gallons per day.